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In the claims:**Please amend claim 1 as follows:**

1. (Twice Amended) A fluid filter, comprising a filter housing, a central, approximately ~~tabular~~ component which extends into the ~~an~~ interior of the filter, said central component being disposable in an operating position by engaging a projection on the filter housing and ~~being permanently therein~~ retained in the filter housing, said central component being detachable from said projection in a disassembly position such that said central component is nondestructively removable from the filter, wherein the central component is mounted rotatably around a longitudinal axis in the filter housing, and a retaining component arranged in a rotationally restricted manner within the filter housing, said retaining component being arranged to surround and fix the central component by an interference fit so as ~~not to rotate~~ inhibit rotation of said central component in the operating position, the central component being rotatable into the disassembly position when the clamping force of the interference fit is exceeded.

2. (Previously Amended) The filter according to claim 1, wherein the central component and the retaining component (10) comprise interacting polygonal contours.

*for producing
said interference fit*